

# REPORTS

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF NASHVILLE,

FOR THE YEAR

1847—48.

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# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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THE Superintending School Committee respectfully present to their fellow townsmen the following statement of the condition of the public schools.

DISTRICT No. I. The higher school was during the summer under the charge of Miss Sleeper. The appearance of the children during the term and at the closing examination exhibited much improvement in regard to good order; and the examination was creditable alike to teacher and pupils. The committee observed that only the oral mode of instruction in arithmetic was used. It appeared to them desirable that this should be accompanied, in such a school, if not in the primary ones, with the use of the slate. The reading might also be improved by more of slowness and distinctness. The appearance of the school however was better than the teacher herself modestly seemed to anticipate. She presented a report, stating the causes which had prevented her effecting all that she desired, among which the most important was the inequality of attendance. "There are many children here," says Miss S. "who go to school when they please, and stay at home when they please. It is very common for them, if their wishes are not complied with, to say 'I wont come to school any more.' One boy left the school for no other reason, than that he could not be gratified in changing his seat as often as he wished."

The same school has been, during the winter, under the charge of Mr. Hall, who was already favorably know to the district. The illness of this gentleman rendered it necessary to dispense with the usual examination at the close of the school; but the committee, from their visits and from all they have heard respecting it, believe that it has held the fair character which it had acquired during the preceding winter, under the



same firm and judicious teacher. In one instance, Mr. H. had occasion to refer the conduct of a scholar to the committee, by whom the case was readily and satisfactorily settled, without resorting to any unpleasant measures.

The primary school in this district has remained during the summer and winter terms under the charge of Miss Hunton. The improvement in this school has been steady and rapid. It is noticeable both in regard to order, and to proficiency in study. At the close of the summer term, Miss Hunton mentioned that there had been some instances of truancy;—that pupils sometimes were kept from school by their parents, and stayed away much longer than their parents either had occasion for them or meant to detain them. This evil however had ceased for some weeks before the time at which she spoke of it.

The committee are pleased to observe the interest manifested by the district in the prosperity of their schools, as evinced by the increased attendance at the examinations. The presence of parents on such occasions, and their visits at other times, are encouraging both to teachers and pupils.

In the Second District, the primary schools under the charge of Miss L. A. Atwood and Miss Winnek, have given high satisfaction. Their appearance at examinations has always been creditable in regard to order and proficiency. During the early part of the summer term, the school under the charge of Miss Winnek was crowded in a degree inconsistent, as your committee think, with the best interests of the scholars, and imposing an undue burthen on the teacher. To obviate this evil, and to meet the wants of parents residing north of the village, the summer school under Miss Paige was commenced. That young lady had about forty children under her care, whose progress and deportment were creditable to her skill and attention. During the winter term, the necessity for such a school appeared to be less, and the prudential committee did not feel that it was best to continue it.

The intermediate school, conducted by Miss McConihe, has also met with the full approval of your committee. We have noticed at the examinations particularly the thorough method of giving instruction in arithmetic, the pupils solving the questions in Colburn without the aid of the book,—and the improvement of the scholars in reading. We wish the accomplished teacher equal success in the distant field which she has selected for her future labors.

The highest school was in the summer term conducted by Miss Fisher and Miss Atwood. Under the care of these ladies its success was gratifying, obedience being generally readily yielded. On one occasion a member of your committee was requested to step in and say a few words to check some symptoms of irregularity. The admonition thus given, appeared to

be suitably received ; and at the close of the term the decided improvement of the school with regard to order called forth the commendation of the committee.

During the winter term, the school was under the care of Mr. Humphrey, assisted by Miss Fisher. Mr. Humphrey is a member of the senior class in Bowdoin College, and has had experience in teaching in a number of schools. On his first entrance upon his duties, Mr. Humphrey thought he perceived marks of insubordination, and the committee consequently gave to this school their early and particular attention. The school was several times visited, and the pupils addressed in relation to their duties. About the middle of the term, the committee, in consequence of what they had heard of the state of the school, assembled and conferred with Mr. Humphrey. It is but just to that gentleman to say, that although the committee came together with an impression not entirely favorable to him, they were after a full and free conversation with him, and enquiry of others, convinced that he had been faithful to his duty, and ought to be sustained. They found that there existed a purpose, among some few of the older boys, to disturb, and if possible break up the school. They consequently conversed with the parents of some of the scholars ; and at the reopening of the school after a short intermission, the whole committee again visited it. They addressed the pupils, reminding them of the improper conduct which had occurred, and declaring that on the recurrence of such conduct they should feel compelled to act with severity. Four days after, an act of very decided misbehavior took place. The committee met at the school-room, and after a full investigation, sent away the two pupils who were implicated,—one of them, who had confessed and appeared sorry for his fault, being suspended for two weeks, while the other was more fully dismissed. An application on behalf of the latter for his restoration, was referred by the committee to Mr. Humphrey, without whose consent such a step would have been improper. Neither of the dismissed pupils returned to the school.

After this act of discipline, the order of the school was more satisfactory until the last day of the term. On that day, a member of the committee was sent for, while engaged in examining the school in the lower story of the same building, and was informed that the scholars had exhibited a more riotous disposition than ever, the proof of which was evident in the broken condition of the stair case. Having given the scholars a severe but necessary reproof, he directed the stairs to be repaired, previous to the examination in the afternoon. At that examination, the pupils gave evidence that although a few had introduced the spirit of disorder, and had probably led away others, there had yet been a very fair proficiency in study. The school indeed appeared at this time to great advantage ; and



none could have supposed from the perfect stillness of the hall, and the good character of the exercises, that the room had so recently been the scene of conduct so different.

The committee in the review of this painful history, wish their own position with regard to the teacher to be understood. They do not maintain that he committed no mistakes, or that among the many accomplished teachers in the land there are none that would have succeeded better. But they know that while he repeatedly manifested strong reluctance to punish, he yet on several occasions displayed a firmness which for a time subdued the spirit of disorder. They believe that he conscientiously endeavored to do his best, and they feel satisfaction in having sustained him by their counsel and authority during the trying scenes of the past winter.

The committee have found reason to believe that the disorder of which they have spoken has resulted in part from an impression on the part of the scholars, that the district were so far opposed to corporal punishment, that they would not sustain a teacher in the use of it. This impression the committee believe to be incorrect. The district certainly would prefer, if possible, to have their schools well managed without such punishment. They would not have blows inflicted in passion, nor children struck on the head, or otherwise punished in a cruel manner. But they are not so unjust as to engage a teacher, and then deprive him of the means of enforcing obedience, nor do they delegate to their children the right of deciding upon the conduct of the instructor, and breaking up the school if its management does not suit them.

The school in District No. III, was during the summer term instructed by Miss C. C. Claggett, under whose charge the progress of the pupils and their obedience to the regulations of the school is believed to have been entirely satisfactory. The teacher for the winter term, not yet expired, is our young townsman, Mr. Moses Foster. His attention to the improvement of his scholars and the inculcation of habits of order has been gratifying to the committee, and apparently attended with every desirable result.

In District No. IV, Miss Caroline R. Pierce has been employed as teacher during the summer and winter terms. The appearance of the school has always been creditable to her assiduity as an instructress, and to the pupils; and the committee have received from members of the district assurance of their satisfaction with the management of the school in her hands. We regret to state that the exercises of the school have been prematurely closed, in consequence of the illness of the faithful teacher.

A Writing School was held in the second district at the close of the summer term, and one is now in session in the first district, in continuation of the school taught by Mr. Hall. It numbers about fifty pupils, and gives fair promise of usefulness.

In the report of last year, the Superintending School Committee invited the attention of the town to the claims of the Teachers' Institute, then in process of organization. The subject was new to this community, and no action was taken upon it at the Town Meeting. Since that time the Institute has been in highly successful operation for two terms; some of our own teachers have shared its advantages, which were liberally extended to those towns by which no appropriation had been made for its support; and the improved condition of most of our schools is probably in part owing to this cause. We trust that Nashville will not be willing to occupy a position less advanced with regard to the interests of education, than that of the neighboring towns.

The subject of school books has engaged occasionally the attention of the committee. They have not felt called on to yield to the pertinacity of publishers and agents who endeavor continually to introduce new books. They have favored however the gradual introduction of Russell's series of Reading Books, noticed in the report of last year, and have recommended Smith's quarto Geography for those older pupils who had not yet attended to that branch, and had but little time to devote to it,—the class for whom that book was particularly prepared. They have recommended to teachers, to introduce the new books which they authorized, only when the choice lay between them and new copies of the old manuals, or when classes voluntarily incurred the expense, with the consent of their parents. A list of the books used, or sanctioned by the committee, is given below.

#### BOOKS USED.

*Spelling and Reading.* New Testament, Russell and Goldsberry's Series, Fowle's Common School Speller, North American Speller, Young Reader, Mont Vernon Reader, Gradual Reader, National Spelling Book, American First Class Book, Porter's Rhetorical Reader, Common School Reader and Speaker.

*Grammar.* Smith's, Wells's.

*Geography.* Smith's, Smith's Quarto, Smith's Primary, Mitchell's Primary, Morse's.

*Arithmetic.* Adams's, Colburn's, Greenleaf's, Emerson's.

*History.* Goodrich's Worcester's, Parley's, First Book.

*Other Studies.* Silliman's Chemistry, Mrs. Lincoln's Botany, Mrs. Taylor's Physiology, Burritt's Geography of the Heavens, Davies's Legendre's Geometry, Flint's Surveying, Day's Algebra.



## ABSTRACT OF TEACHERS' REPORTS.

District.	Room.	Term.	Teachers.	Wages per month, exclusive of board.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Males.	Females.	Average attendance.	Over 14 years.	Under 14 years.	Between 4 and 14.
I.	1.	1	Miss E. Sleeper.	\$ 9 00	16	56	24	32	23	2	0	54
		2	Mr. Jonathan Hall.	30 00	13	60	29	31	45	15	0	45
		1	Miss R. A. Hunton.	9 00	16	56	27	29	38	0	6	50
		2	Miss R. A. Hunton.	9 00	16	51	25	26	40	0	9	42
II.	1.	1	{ Miss M. J. Fisher,	12 00	22	93	43	50	46	15	0	78
			{ Miss H. J. Atwood.	10 00								
			{ Mr. S. F. Humphrey,	24 00								
		2	{ Miss M. J. Fisher.	10 00	13	105	60	45	70	20	0	85
	2.	1	Miss S. E. McConihe.	10 00	22	75	36	39	43	0	0	75
		2	Miss S. E. McConihe.	10 00		77	40	37	53	0	0	77
	3.	1	Miss L. A. Atwood.	10 00	22	87	48	39	51	0	0	87
		2	Miss L. A. Atwood.	10 00	13	86	46	40	60	0	0	86
	4.	1	Miss S. A. Winnek.	10 00	22	110	53	57	58	0		
		2	Miss S. A. Winnek.	10 00	13	98	46	52	57	0		
III.		1	Miss C. C. Claggett.	6 00	18	33	19	14	19	2	3	23
		2	Mr. M. Foster.	15 00	18	32	23	9	19	9	0	23
VI.		1	Miss C. R. Pierce.	6 00	20	25	7	18	18	0	3	22
		2	Miss C. R. Pierce.		13	28	17	11	16	4	2	22

S. G. BULFINCH, }  
 A. RICHARDS, } Superintending  
 W. K. DAVIS, } School Committee.



## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

### REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Cash paid, viz.—

Expended under the direction of R. Spalding in District No. 1,	\$92 52
Expended under the direction of the Selectmen in District No. 2,	736 47
Expended under the direction of Wm. Farley in District No. 3,	284 83
Expended under the direction of Charles L. Colburn in District No. 4,	55 65
Solomon R. Bullard for lumber,	83 53
Zebadiah Shattuck for stone for culvert,	84 00
Nashua Manufacturing Co. “ “	31 87
William K. Davis for labor, on “	47 28
Oliver Davis, “ “	50
A. P. Hutchinson, “ “	2 00
James B. Eaton, “ “	15 83
Thomas Center, “ “	7 00
Patrick Donihue, “ “	6 50
J. D. Dodge, for cement, for “	4 30
Nashua Manufacturing Co. for stone posts,	80 50
F. Chase & Co, for lumber,	26 35
J. D. Kimball, “ “	24 52
O. M. Carlton, for painting,	36 00
William K. Davis, for labor,	13 50
James Davis, for labor,	7 00
Daniel Whipple, for labor,	1 00
Augustus Smith, for labor,	1 00
Hiram Wheeler, for labor,	16 62
Artemas Lovejoy, for labor,	16 62
Samuel C. Powers, for labor,	4 37
Samuel Downing, for labor,	3 75
Nathan Kidder, for labor,	33
Weston Lovejoy, for labor,	2 62
Augustus Smith, for labor,	1 00
Samuel Whitaker, for labor,	5 75

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## SCHOOLS.

Cash paid, viz.—		
Josiah Cain, District No. 1,	374	82
Stephen Atwood, District No. 2,	992	07
William F. Farley, District No. 3,	150	64
Hiram Woods, District No. 4,	106	82
	————	\$1624 35

## MILITARY.

Cash paid, viz.—		
Capt. Parker, Nashua Artillery,	\$11	00
Capt. George, Juvenile Artillery,	6	00
Capt. Banks, Nashua Guards,	16	50
Capt. Fox, Columbian Greys,	34	00
Capt. Twiss, Washington Light Guard,	31	00
	————	\$98 50

## PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Cash paid, viz.—		
Albin Beard, for printing, &c.	————	\$31 12

## OLD BILLS.

Cash paid, viz.—		
James U. Parker, for professional services,	15	00
Horace Blaisdell, police officer,	5	66
Abel G. Shattuck,	4	00
Ignatius Bagley,	5	88
J. Buffum,	75	
Beriah Willoughby,	60	
Solomon Spalding, Jr.	6	25
Charles H. Reed,	54	20
O. M. Carlton,	1	50
F. M. Stimson,	9	00
Engine Company, No. 1,	105	75
Engine Company, No. 2,	66	00
	————	\$274 59

## TOWN HOUSE LOT AND COMMITTEES.

Cash paid, viz.—		
Nathan Dane, note and interest,	\$1018	00
Benjamin Eastman, interest,	60	00
Edward Wheeler, “	90	00
Solomon Spalding, “	25	00
Solomon Spalding, Jr. “	60	00
William Boardman, for services as committee,	16	00
Thurlow Haskell, “ “	19	50
William Wetherbee, “ “	11	50
Aaron Woods, “ “	21	10



J. F. Bryant, for plan of town house,	60 00
Stephen Whittemore for use of rooms,	4 50
Solomon R. Bullard, for services as old com.	10 00
Albert McKean, " "	11 00
John Reed, " "	9 42
Ignatius Bagley, " "	10 00
John Crombie, for old plan,	40 00
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Cash paid, viz.—

Engine Company, No. 1,	135 00
Chief Engineer for services,	6 00
Assistant Engineers for services,	9 00
Timothy Gay & Son, for oil &c.	2 62
Joseph Barnes, for services on engine,	15 00
	<hr/> \$167 62

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Cash paid, viz.—

Robert Moore, services as Town Clerk,	32 48
Timothy Gay, services as Treasurer,	25 00
Aaron P. Hughes, services as Selectman,	91 75
George McQuesten, services as Selectman,	76 50
Isaac J. Fox, services as Selectman,	110 50
S. G. Bulfinch, services as School Committee,	30 00
Austin Richards, services as School Committee,	23 00
Wm. K. Davis, services as School Committee,	15 00
William White, services as Collector,	94 15
	<hr/> \$498 38

## POLICE OFFICERS.

Cash paid, viz.—

Beriah Blood, for services,	14 75
O. M. Carlton, for services,	21 50
J. P. Davis, for services,	4 00
William White, for services,	8 50
	<hr/> \$48 75

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Cash paid, viz.—

New-Hampshire Asylum for support of Betsy McCain,	90 98
E. R. Hosley, for support of his mother,	54 50
Relief of Elvira Greeley,	44 66
“ Maria Spalding,	22 07
“ Henry Farwell,	21 70
“ Caroline Holmes,	20 00

Relief of Ann Pike,	11 25
“ W. B. Robertson,	9 00
“ Mrs. Pratt,	4 96
“ Charlotte Davis,	7 00
“ Mrs. Johnson,	8 00
“ Susan Roach,	16 00
“ Mr. Downs,	18 63
“ Solomon Parker,	7 50
Burial of John Lewis,	7 16
	<hr/> \$343 41

## PAUPERS OTHER THAN ALMS-HOUSE.

Cash paid, viz.—

For Relief of Samuel I. Marckres,	11 03
“ Jonas Powers,	11 39
“ Sally Butterfield,	36 78
“ Oliver Davis,	5 00
“ Betsy Harris,	8 92
“ Mrs. Winn,	26 00
“ Mrs. Pike,	69 49
“ Mrs. Leland's family,	20 50
“ Mrs. Dane,	12 32
“ Mr. Robbins,	1 80
“ A. Shattuck,	40
“ Charles N. Pond,	5 50
	<hr/> \$209 13

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Cash paid, viz.—

Hiram Woods, for taking care of Lobby,	11 50
Timothy Gay, for Auditor 1847, &c.	2 31
Joseph Hill, for labor,	3 00
A. P. Hughes, for professional services,	18 00
Francis Davis, for labor,	2 00
Charles Abbott, for land damages,	28 00
Town of Nashua, for taxes,	22 93
William Boardman,	3 13
Beriah Blood, for moving and repairing lobby,	18 50
Levi W. Hodge, for repairing hose,	2 50
John Lund, for surveying,	2 00
Elias S. Russell,	46
J., E. & A. Greeley, for rent,	25 00
E. & A. Greeley,	5 00
A. P. Hughes, for rent and stationery,	23 00
Hugh Jameson,	1 90
Kendrick & Tuttle,	5 45
David G. Johnson,	8 51
William D. Harris,	3 75
A. & N. McKean,	6 08



E. W. Livingston, for blacksmithing,	35 29	
Isaac J. Fox, for horse hire,	25 25	
Horace Blaisdell,	2 00	
Israel Hunt, Jr.	3 00	
Timothy Gay & Son,	1 34	
William White,	2 00	
William K. Davis,	3 01	
G. Hills,	50	
David Fiske,	2 70	
	<hr/>	\$268 11

## ALMS-HOUSE.

Cash paid, viz.—		
Timothy Gay & Son,	16 77	
H. F. Courser,	19 94	
G. W. Perham,	15 94	
E. W. Livingston,	13 27	
Reed & Lovejoy,	13 15	
Robinson & Stimson,	19 96	
Kendrick & Tuttle,	16 67	
B. L. Jones,	18 75	
Hugh Jameson,	5 44	
A. & N. McKean,	11 98	
J. L. Doty,	8 53	
Amos Green,	103 39	
Benjamin Searles,	14 44	
Josiah Cain,	18 25	
J. P. Davis,	2 50	
H. C. Smith,	50 00	
Ira Crombie,	3 00	
J. H. Graves,	25 00	
Edward Spalding, superintendant,	300 00	
Cash paid for sundry bills, as per receipts,	266 79	
	<hr/>	\$943 77

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Amount in Treasury Feb. 22, 1847,	1161 38
Amount of tax assessed,	7102 77
Received of County, April term,	321 60
“ “ October term,	200 75
“ State Treasurer, Rail-road tax,	645 69
“ “ Literary fund,	141 59
“ Town of Newport,	66 00
“ “ Dunbarton,	10 25
“ “ Wentworth,	5 00
“ New-York Circus,	30 00
“ Sands, Lent & Co.'s Circus,	31 00
“ Committee on Town House lot,	150 00

Received of George W. Perham,	5 00
“ J. F. Andrews,	1 50
“ Town of Nashua,	28 50
“ F. P. Lund,	13 00
“ Collector of Taxes, 1846,	176 41
Received for produce from Poor-Farm,	865 77
	<hr/> \$10,956 21

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid, viz.	
For Repairs of Highways and Bridges,	1693 21
For Schools,	1624 35
For Military,	98 50
For Printing and Stationery,	31 12
For Old Bills,	274 59
For Town House lot and committee,	1466 02
For Fire Department,	167 62
For Town Officers,	498 38
For Police Officers,	48 75
For County Paupers,	343 41
For Paupers other than Alms-House,	209 13
For Alms-House,	943 77
For Miscellaneous,	268 11
For State Tax,	898 80
For County Tax,	1381 26
For Tax outstanding,	190 52
For Abatements,	56 87
For Balance in Treasury, Feb. 22, 1848,	761 80
	<hr/> \$10,956 21

*Invoice of Stock, Provisions, &c. at Poor-Farm, Feb. 17, 1848.*

1 Pair Oxen,	80 00	1 Horse wagon and harness,	50 00
5 Cows,	150 00	1 Wagon body, axle and	
1 Horse,	125 00	tongue,	5 00
5 Shoats,	30 00	1 Buffalo robe,	3 50
Poultry,	3 50	1 Hay rigging,	2 00
12 1-2 Tons English Hay,	180 00	1 Ox sled,	5 00
5 1-2 Tons Run Hay,	55 00	1 Horse sled,	4 00
Lot Butts and Stalks,	15 00	1 Sleigh,	20 00
130 Bushels Corn,	117 00	2 Cart ladders,	3 00
46 Bushels Rye,	46 00	1 Pair steers,	50 00
15 1-2 Bushels Oats,	7 75	Market wagon,	15 00
3 1-2 Bushels White Beans,	6 12	5 Ploughs,	25 00
2 Bushels colored Beans,	2 50	2 Scrapers,	2 50
Lot of Peas,	4 00	1 Cultivator,	4 50
Lot of Buck Wheat,	75	1 Harrow,	4 00
2 Ox carts,	60 00	1 Drag,	1 00
1 Ox wagon,	50 00	1 Draft harness,	7 00



2 Ox yokes, irons and bows, 6 00	7 Benches, 5 00
1 Breast plate and sleigh bells, 3 00	Tobacco, 25
2 Wheelbarrows, 3 00	310 Bushels potatoes, 193 75
1 Halter, 75	60 Bushels small potatoes, 15 00
1 Grindstone, 2 50	Lot of beets and turnips, 1 00
3 Scythes and snathes, 2 75	Ruta Bagas, 75
2 Sickles, 1 50	27 Lbs. dried apples, 1 62
2 Hayhooks and 2 flails, 2 50	400 " pork middlings, 48 00
1 Grain Cradle, 3 50	281 " legs and shoulders, 28 10
6 Hayforks, 2 00	150 " salt beef, 10 50
7 Rakes, 1 50	30 " sausages and keg, 3 75
1 Winnowing mill, 4 00	20 " butter, 4 00
1 Shave and rope, 50	1 Bushel onions, 50
3 Whips, 2 00	Groceries, 4 00
4 Shovels, 1 spade and 3 forks, 5 00	Flour, 4 50
2 Dughooks, 1 00	76 Galls. vinegar and cask, 12 00
6 Hoes, 1 50	Cider and casks, 17 00
3 Axes and 1 hatchet, 3 00	1-2 Bushel salt and barrel, 37
Beetle and wedges, 1 25	Pickles and tub, 1 50
1 Plane and two chizels, 2 00	2 1-2 Galls. molasses & keg, 1 00
8 Baskets, 1 75	60 Lbs. of lard, 7 25
1 Handsaw, 1 00	82 " fresh beef, 6 56
Square, compass and augers, 3 25	Salted cucumbers and bbl. 1 25
1 Woodsaw and frame, 1 25	Lot of ashes, 3 50
1 Hammer and pinchers, 1 50	Soap grease and pots, 1 50
1 Saw and shave horse, 1 50	3 Barrels and soap, 3 50
Currycomb, brush and card, 70	2 Quarts lamp oil, 33
1 Pair ox muzzles, 25	9 Bedsteads, 16 00
2 Stake, 3 draft and 1 log chain, 9 00	4 Feather and 8 straw beds and bedding, 65 00
1 Nest measures, 50	18 Chairs, 5 00
8 Meal boxes, 1 00	Rocking chair, 3 37
7 Meal bags, 1 17	4 Tables, 4 50
1 Fry pan, 25	2 Looking glasses, 67
2 Wash-boards, 25	Knives, Forks and spoons, 1 50
5 Tubs, 3 00	8 Lard pots, 80
6 Wooden pails, 1 50	7 Stoves and funnel, 50 00
Lot of tin ware, 17 00	Razor strop and brushes, 1 50
1 Coffee mill, 25	Nest of boxes, 40
6 Meat barrels, 5 00	1 Pair shovel and tongs, 75
1 Cask, 2 50	Lot of wood at door not cut off the farm, 10 00
3 Cupboards, 3 75	Manure paid for not used, 22 75
Matches and thread, 60	Lot of lumber, 5 00
2 Clocks, 5 00	2 Brass kettles, 1 50
Pails, cheese hoop, tray, and butter box, 1 50	Rye straw, 6 00
Stone jars and jugs, 1 58	Blanket and circingle, 1 50
2 Copper pumps, 6 00	5 Bushels rye and ind. meal, 5 00
Broom and brush, 1 25	1 Pair shoes, 1 00
Fire shovel and tongs, 1 75	Lot of hooks, 2 00
1 Meat form, 1 00	3 Mackerel barrels 75
1 Wash form, 50	Churn and chopping knife, 3 00
1 Scalding tub, 50	Sad irons and fry pans, 2 00
Lead pipe and wrench, 75	Crockery and glass ware, 7 00
3 Molasses hodsheads, 1 00	Mackerel and barrel, 6 00
1 Swill barrel and dipper, 50	Whitewash brush, 1 75
Lot of Leather, 2 50	5 Sugar boxes, 62
1 Half hogshead, 25	2 Iron bars, 2 50
Ferkins and boxes, 1 33	

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*Account showing the Standing of the Poor-Farm.***DR.**

Alms-House Expenses,	943 77	
Paupers other than Alms-House,	208 12	
County Paupers,	343 41	
Amount of Invoice, Feb. 17, 1847,	1610 25	
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By Invoice, Feb. 17, 1848,	1870 09	
By cash received for support of County Paupers,	522 35	
"    of F. P. Lund,	13 00	
"    of town of Newport,	66 00	
"    of town of Dunbarton,	10 25	
"    of town of Wentworth,	5 00	
"    of G. W. Perham,	5 00	
"    of J. F. Andrews,	1 50	
"    for produce sold from farm,	865 77	
By amount due from Stephen Atwood,	30 44	
"    from Christopher Paige,	12 00	
"    from Mr. Woods,	14 49	
By amount of pay of superintendent from Feb. 17, to April 1, 1848,	37 83	
	<hr/>	\$3453 72
		\$3105 55
Balance in favor of Poor-Farm,		<hr/> \$348 17

Several citizens of this town and of Hollis, have petitioned for a new road from the north to the south Hollis road. There have been two or three surveys, and a very feasible route has been found. But if a new road should be built, the old one should be discontinued; otherwise we shall have a great amount of road to support for a little travel. Some difficulties will be obviated by building the new road. And one is the crossing of the Wilton Rail-Road at a very bad place, near Hiram Reed's. If the new one should be built, it will be a good place, as it will be nearly on a level with the travelled road, while the other place will rise about eight feet. The undersigned, recommend the building of the new, and the discontinuing of the old. A survey and plan will be presented to the town for their action.

The amount expended on the highways the past season, is larger than the town has been accustomed to. But it will be seen that if the sums be deducted that have been expended for the culvert and fences, that the amount will not be larger than has usually been spent. The great rains we had during the past season have added to the expenses of the highways.



It will be seen by the foregoing report that the Fire Department have received for their services \$339 37, which is an extra charge to the usual town expenses.

The sum of \$1466 02 has been paid for the town house lot, interest, and committees, \$1000 of which has been paid on the principal.

The Poor-Farm, under the direction of Mr. Edward Spalding, has paid all the pauper expenses, and has a large balance left in its favor. The management of the farm cannot fail to give satisfaction to all concerned. The undersigned are happy to state that they have secured the valuable services of Mr. Spalding for another year.

There is a balance left in the town treasury, after paying the expenses of the year 1847-8, of \$761 80.

AARON P. HUGHES,	} Selectmen of Nashville.
GEORGE McQUESTEN,	
ISAAC J. FOX,	

The undersigned, chosen by the town to audit the accounts of the Selectmen, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the accounts correctly added, all monies paid properly vouched, and moneys credited satisfactorily accounted for.

TIMOTHY GAY,	} Auditors.
GEORGE TUTTLE,	
FORDYCE M. STIMSON,	

### CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Engine No. 1, and other property belonging to the town of Nashville.

Engine,	950 00	Spanner sockets,	5 00
Hose,	120 00	Straps,	2 00
Spanners,	4 00	5 Canisters oil blacking,	1 00
Wrench,	3 50	1 Oil can,	25
Lamp and pails,	3 00	1 Oil filler,	25
Spanner Bolts,	13 00	1 Wash dish	25
Hose hooks,	3 00	1 Shovel,	75
Stove,	5 00		
Stove pipe,	10 00		\$1123 50
Jack and whiffletree,	2 50		

The above estimate is less than the first cost, with the exception of the Engine, which is as perfect as when purchased. The location of the Engine is very inconvenient, it being some distance from the main street, in a building near the river which is very damp, and the road leading from the engine house to the main street being ascending, it takes some time before the company, when called out, can get under way; and I would suggest the propriety of procuring a more suitable place.

There has been no alarm of fire in this town during the past season.

ROBERT MOORE, Chief Engineer.

Nashville, February 22, 1848.







53	48	46	49
68	7	65	62
13	45	22	10
2	42	22	2
3	33	22	2
1	22	22	2
59	10	21	2
159	3	21	2
	6	21	2
	4	21	2
	13	21	2